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TRANSMISSION AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM INCLUDING A TIME-
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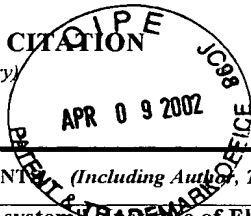
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